

**Alternative Transportation Ad Hoc Committee**  
**Minutes of Meeting – 04/16/19 – 6.15pm**  
**Underhill Town Offices**

**Present:** Kurt Johnson (chair), Sara Lourie (secretary), Donna Johnson, Sue Cromwell, Andrew Albright, Monica Donlevy (arrived late). **Guest:** Jason Cheney

**Open Meeting / Adjustments**

Wayne Howe as possible replacement for Tim Nulty? **\*Kurt** to contact him.

**Jason Cheney (Jericho Planning)**

Wants to be more engaged with our Committee. We each introduced ourselves, and Kurt outlined what we are working on.

Discussion about proposed 'Jericho Commercial District', road building, shared parking with Park & Ride. He considers a P&R as fairly 'simple' project, and seemed to think it was something that could be achieved soon. He also said that in the long-term (15-20 years from now) it could be in a place that would not be feasible now. Roads = infrastructure, but P&R = most feasible and effective. Could be used as 'fertilizer' that gets the funding moving.

Has connections with Chris Cole (Agency of Transportation) and said that there is lots of funding for buses (80% federal, 10% state, 10% town). But we don't have the infrastructure to deal with it yet.

**GMT - Local pass sales**

10-ride passes are now available locally (Cambridge Town Offices, Hanleys, Varnum Library in Jeffersonville, Cambridge Village Market, Underhill Town Hall, Jericho Market, Jericho Town Hall, Jericho Country Store. Clearly advertised on GMT website.

Sara wrote out a memo explaining how the pass program would work and will check in with the Cambridge locations at the beginning of each month, Michael/Kurt will do the same for Underhill/Jericho. There will need to be some 'hand-holding' of the sales points to begin with. Each Town will keep accounting separate.

**\*Monica** to put something on FPF again, including information about availability of online tickets.

**Infrastructure Subcommittee**

Subcommittee met a couple of times. They have come up with what an 'ideal bus stop' could look like and **\*Kurt** will send it around soon for rest of committee to look at.

Meetings set with Jeffersonville Village Trustees on 9 Sept, 6:30pm at 224 Upper Pleasant Valley Rd, and with Cambridge Village Trustees on 6 October (to be confirmed) to discuss improvements to Jeffersonville and Cambridge stops.

For Cambridge stop it needs to be somewhere that the bus can come into, and out of, in the same place. Jack Corse's property would be ideal; this used to be a gas station, but apparently he has a monitoring system in place, so it won't work for now. The church was suggested, but they need access during the week sometimes e.g. for funerals. The Health Center and ball fields preclude using that side of the street.

Sue mentioned that the solar panels (at Jericho stop?) don't work and it will soon be dark at night.

GMT owns the lights. Last time it took them 8 months to get fixed. Sue asked if we could ask Jericho for street lights. Andrew said they would not fit the description for Town street lights because location is not permanent. Last winter the bus drivers were very accommodating and waited while people walked from car-> bus, and would shine headlights to let people get back to their car. **\*Kurt** to contact GMT about it.

### **Mid-Day / Van Service Subcommittee**

Michael has been waiting to hear back from Tim Nulty to help with business side of this. Suggested using next full meeting of committee to focus on mid-day/van service. A lot to hash out. Mike has made a very comprehensive list, but it is a bit daunting. Sue suggested Michael list the two most important things to address and wonders whether we can avoid 'reinventing the wheel', e.g. by having Robin Day from CIDER come and share their business model. Before then, we need to be clear about: 1) purpose, 2) route, 3) target population. Then ask Robin 'how can you help?' Question is: who is going to actually run it? We don't have the ability ourselves, and would want to franchise it out.

May need longer meeting – **\*Donna** to bring lasagna, **\*Sue** to bring cider, **\*Monica** to bring dessert

### **Other Business**

Monica mentioned Danielle DeLongis as a possible new committee member. She works at the UVM Medical Center and takes the bus. She has experience with committees. She is from Cambridge. We also brainstormed about marketing: try to get article in News & Citizen and/or Mountain Gazette. Maybe GMT could make this happen. Ad in papers?

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:29pm**